

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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Committee: Public Works

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Reason(s) for delegation request:

The Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA) is one of the province's designated entities, which receives funding from the Ministry of Labour, with a mandate to deliver health & safety education to employers & workers within the construction, utilities/electrical and transportation industries.

Since 2011, IHSA has been actively engaging Ontario's buyers of construction to adopt the Certificate of Recognition (COR™) program, as a pre-requisite for contractors bidding, on the construction projects they fund. COR™ is Canada's national health & safety certification program, which requires employers

to demonstrate the implementation of a management system, which complies with provincial legislation & best practices to help protect workers. As of today, significant buyers of construction such as; Infrastructure Ontario, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), Metrolinx, City of Toronto, City of Brampton, Town of Milton, York Region, City of Mississauga and the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) all have adopted COR™ as a pre-requisite. We are expecting an additional 6 - 8 municipalities to announce their support for this growing initiative in the next 12 - 24 months.

While only introduced to Ontario less than 8 years ago, COR has been prominent in Western Canada for over 25 years. Research studies have been conducted by the University of British Columbia (UBC) focusing on the impact of COR in both BC and Alberta. The studies, published first in BC (2015) and then Alberta (2018) both demonstrate a significant decrease in worker injury rates for companies who have implemented the COR program versus those in the same industry who have not.

As of today, 300 Ontario companies have been certified to the COR standard through IHSA, while almost 2000 are registered and working towards certification.

We are requesting an opportunity to present to Hamilton's Public Works Committee on how COR™ could assist the City of Hamilton, demonstrate leadership within Ontario, in the protection of workers, on the projects it funds.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes